

Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6 | 2 Corinthians 1:20; 4:1-18

See life in the here and now.

See God is GREAT and Life is FULL.

Our Struggle: I believe, I just don't see how.

God's Answer: Look up, see Me and My promises.

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together! During the fall we will have several Life Groups starting up. So take that Next Step and find yours today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What is one thing you've received from the Lord this week that you would like to thank Him for?

Connect to God's story

Read Psalm 5:9-12.

What is this poem contrasting? What are the blessings of drawing near to God v. rebelling against Him?

In what way have you experienced God's protection, His shielding love?

Read Genesis 15:1-6.

What is the first thing the LORD says to Abram in the vision? Why does He begin with Abram's fear, need of protection, and God being his very great reward?

In what ways do you struggle believing what God says about your situation? How does the story of Abram help grow your belief in God's faithfulness to His promises?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:14-18.

What is the result of God's grace reaching more and more people? Does this energize and renew your Spirit?

How do we keep our eyes fixed on things unseen when what we see in front of us is difficult and hard? How do you discern what really matters?

How can seeing God as great and that He desires to give you a full life help you when life presses against you?

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

- Jesus in John 10:10 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

"Abba, I belong to You."

"Come Lord Jesus."

"I surrender to You."

"Holy Spirit set my love in order."

"I trust You."

"You are enough."

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

***Revival Definition:** an improvement in the condition or strength of something.